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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 11TH 1909.

PRINCE IRO, the creator of Modern Japan, has confessed in a public speech recently that he has grave doubts about the success of constitutional government in China. We venture to add that those doubts are largely shared at the present time by nearly every student of Chinese politics. True, the decision of the Throne to grant constitutional government was generally welcomed abroad as evidence that at last the spirit of progress and reform had permeated into the very palace of Peking itself, but the wisdom of the decision not to grant it immediately was also recognised and extolled. The gift was to be dangled before the eyes of the nation for a period of ten years, during which term all necessary preliminary arrangements were to be made to prepare the people to receive the privilege which every civilised nation in the world enjoys. China's statesmen clearly recognised the backwardness of the nation, and the fact that vast administrative changes were needed before the day arrived for the promise to be fulfilled. So far the only outcome of this political prescience has been the inauguration of a measure of local autonomy, putting into the hands of the people a power which they seem to be in danger of using most unwisely and with sad results. But before enlarging on this point, let us state the grounds of PRINCE IRO's pessimistic forebodings.

First, His Excellency points to the difficulty of satisfactorily running an Imperial Parliament until there is such a network of railways spread over China's vast empire as will bring the uttermost provinces within a few days' reach of the Capital. He points out that at the present time it takes several months to reach some of the outlying parts of the Empire. But we must not overlook all that is covered by the fact that it is not proposed to grant a constitution for another seven or eight years. We do not think the present lack of rapid communications need be regarded as a serious obstacle to the success of Parliamentary Government at Peking. Parts of the Empire which five years ago took weeks to reach can now be visited by means of railways in a few days. When we reflect on the astonishing development of railway enterprises in China during the last five years, and when we take note of the fact that throughout the length and breadth of the land the attitude of the Chinese towards railways has changed from one of implacable antagonism into a mania to possess them, we may safely assume that in the next ten years the construction of railways in all parts of the Empire will proceed on a more extensive scale than has been the case heretofore (provided the necessary capital is forthcoming), and we cannot doubt that in the course of another ten or fifteen years there will be few parts of the Empire from which the Capital may not be reached in a fortnight. This, then, would largely dispose of the Prince's first argument, but when His Highness quotes the further difficulty of securing uniform practice in the provinces, every observer will recognise that he points to a fatal weakness in the organisation of the Empire. The Prince in his speech recalled that when he had a talk at Tientsin with the late LI HUNG CHANG he referred to the absurdly low revenues of the Chinese Government, in comparison with the enormous area of the Empire and the vastness of the population. He advised LI HUNG CHANG to readjust the taxation of the Empire with a view to raising sufficient revenue to establish a satisfactory Army and Navy, and also to reorganise the government. Li's reply was that "since the Hun era, many hundreds of years ago, it had been impossible to improve the practice as regards taxation." The Japanese statesman thereupon warned LI HUNG CHANG that unless the Imperial Government of China was able to change the customs, not only of the Hun era, but others which had endured since the beginning of her history, China was never likely to progress, and might be exposed to danger. LI HUNG CHANG made no reply, but, possibly like the proverbial parrot, thought a great deal. There is no doubt that this lack of uniformity in administration militates greatly against the success of constitutional government. As we have already suggested, there are at least a few among the statesmen of Peking who recognise the essential need of uniformity, especially in the fiscal administration, but beyond the publication of memorials containing pious aspirations for a National Budget, a national currency and other highly necessary or desirable reforms before constitutional government is definitely inaugurated, we have nothing to report in the way of preparations for Magna Charta Day in China.

In speculating upon the success or failure of constitutional government in China, we cannot ignore the ominous symptoms of danger associated with the exercise of local autonomy. As Prince Iro remarked, local autonomy constitutes the foundation of constitutional government. The Prince hazarded the brief suggestion that it will be extremely difficult to establish even this foundation in China. By this, presumably, his Excellency meant that it would be difficult to work a system of local self-government in China so that it will prove a source of strength to the State rather than a fatal weakness. We have only to point to the history of the Self-Government Society of Canton to indicate the dangers to which local autonomy and the higher forms of constitutional government are likely to expose China until there is a great improvement in the political education of the franchise holders. Prince Iro suggested that it was worth considering how this movement in China would affect the general peace of the Far East. His Excellency referred to it as "undoubtedly a serious problem," and he asked what would be the fate of China if she should not succeed in establishing constitutional government. We might go further and ask what will be her fate if she does? Japan, Prince Iro told his hearers, would be very much affected by the result, whatever it was, and he advised that the Japanese people should pay more attention than they

have done to all developments of the constitutional government scheme in China. He commented on the absence of any speculations on the subject in the European and American press and wondered whether it was that foreigners had not carefully studied the question, or whether they purposely refrain from publishing their views. It will generally be admitted that few men are better qualified to form a judgment on the question than the author of the constitution of Japan, and the warning he gives is one which the statesmen of China cannot afford to disregard.

His Excellency the Governor has issued invitations for an "At Home" at Mountain Lodge on Wednesday next.

We regret to learn of the death yesterday at Yokohama of Mr. A. Chair, the agent in that port of the Messageries Maritimes.

The Acting-Governor General of the Philippines has stated that he takes upon himself the whole responsibility for the deportation of twelve Chinamen last month.

Father Wenceslao Fernandez, O. P., for 35 years a missionary among the Chinese in the Tongkin missions, died on the 6th inst. at the Convent of his order in the walled city of Manila. On Friday he was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage, and while he rallied somewhat from the stroke he did not recover. He is the author of a Spanish-Annamite dictionary and several interesting works on missionary work among the Chinese.

There are many men in this Colony, says the Y.M.C.A. Bulletin, who might be enjoying the privileges of the Association, but whose attention, it may be, has never been directed to them. New men are continually arriving, so that it is almost impossible for a small membership committee to find all, to extend an invitation. Present members are urged to give their active assistance, and to make it a point to introduce as many new members as possible. Now is a good time to join, as the Autumn activities will soon be starting.

The Resident Superior recently addressed a telegram to the President of the Hapshong Chamber of Commerce intimating that he had received a petition from native merchants and other influential natives of Hanoi requesting the immediate interdiction of the export of rice and paddy until the next harvest, owing to the increasing price of this staple food, and the Resident Superior asked for the views of the Chamber on the subject. The Chamber, though opposed in principle to the interdiction, acquiesced in the suggestion, having regard to the special conditions resulting from the actual situation in the country, on the understanding that exporters are permitted to export the cargoes they now have in their godowns.

## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, September 10th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUNISH JUDGE).

## MONEYLENDERS' CLAIMS.

Dyagar Singh brought action against A. Sousa to recover \$110 due for money lent.

Defendant admitted the claim, and informed the Court the money was due on two promissory notes, one for \$80 and one for \$30. He paid interest at the rate of 37 per month.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who represented the plaintiff, said the money had been owing for the last three years.

His Lordship fixed the hearing for Tuesday. R. A. Beltram was proceeded against by Freen Singh for the recovery of \$140 due for money lent. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff.

Defendant admitted the debt, but asked to be allowed to pay in instalments. He earned \$70 a month, and it cost him \$50 to support his wife and family.

Mr. Gardiner pointed out that the money had been owing for six months.

His Lordship said on the defendant's own statement of his affairs he would make an order for the payment of \$15 a month, the first instalment to be paid on October 1st.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 10th at 6.15 a.m.—Black South Cone and Black Ball hoisted.

At 9.00 a.m.—Signals lowered.

At 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Tongking, the typhoon having reached the neighbourhood of Hainan Straits.

Pressure has increased over China, Formosa and the Philippines, and given way slightly at the Loochoos and Bonins.

The depression over the Pacific is now situated somewhat nearer to the former than to the latter group. Probably it is moving towards N.W.

Pressure is highest over N.W. China.

Moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and S.E. and E. winds decreasing in force, along the S. coast of China.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.91 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

Hongkong &amp; Neighbourhood (°) N.E. winds, (moderate).

Formosa C. (°) (moderate).

South coast, China between (°) E. winds, (moderate).

Hongkong &amp; Lamooka, (moderate).

South coast, China between (°) S.E. winds, (moderate).

Hongkong and Hainan, (moderate).

S.E. winds, fresh to moderate; equally showery.

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## RUSSIA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, September 10th.

The Russian Admiralty is preparing a further programme of naval ship-building in addition to the four Dreadnoughts already laid down.

## PORT OF LONDON CHARGES.

LONDON, September 10th.

It is officially explained that the schedule of the Port of London maximum dues is simply a draft, and that there has been no definite decision to adopt it.

## KITCHENER AND THE INDIAN ARMY.

LONDON, September 10th.

Lord Kitchener's farewell order to the Indian Army praises its excellent work, and emphasises the fact that the Army has not been affected by the attempts to undermine its loyalty.

## DEATH OF AN AMERICAN RAILWAY MAGNATE.

LONDON, September 10th.

The death is announced of Mr. Harriman, the well-known American railway magnate.

The knowledge of his sinking severely depressed the New York Stock Market.

## THE EX-SHAH GOING TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, September 10th.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran states that the Ex-Shah of Persia has started for Russia.

## THE ARCTIC EXPLORERS.

A REVULSION IN FAVOUR OF COOK.

LONDON, September 10th.

Dr. Cook starts for New York direct to-day.

The rapidity of Commander Peary's dash, finally covering thirty-four miles a day, and averaging thirty miles a day, has created a revulsion in favour of the credibility of Cook's account.

## CARGO FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

CERTAIN TRANSHIPMENT GOODS ARE TO BE EXEMPT.

The Philippine Commission has passed a resolution exempting from the payment of customs duties all the merchandise that shall be imported from the United States and 18 dored between the dates of August 6 and 18 coming on through bills of lading, even though it be transhipped at any port en route. This resolution is of great importance to Philippine merchants and speaks for itself. It is as follows:

"Whereas in view of the fact that certain merchants have been led to believe by publications of the Government that the Payne Bill did not require direct shipments but only shipments on through bills of lading; and

"Whereas acting on such understanding certain shipments may have been made which, under the terms of the law as found later to have been passed by Congress, will have to pay duty;

"Whereas had such merchants been correctly informed, they could have ordered that their goods be forwarded by direct shipment and thereby insured their free entry into the Philippine Islands;

"Now therefore, be it

"Resolved, that it does not seem to the Commission right or equitable that merchants who have made such shipments in good faith shall have to suffer loss by reason of errors made in the official representation of facts and that it is the sense of the Commission that any merchants who show by evidence satisfactory to the Collector of Customs that they acted upon said representations, ordered by the Government, should be exempted from duty on goods in the United States between the dates of August sixth and August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and nine, on through bills of lading, and that such goods were in transit before said orders could be construed as free entry of such goods into the Philippine Islands."

Adopted, September 6, 1909.

## JAPAN BUYS ENGLISH POULTRY.

The Japanese Government last autumn sent special envoys to England to purchase pure bred poultry for experimental purposes, and a number of birds submitted to them by Captain Allen of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, were shipped to Japan during the year.

This experiment has been so successful that the Government has decided to continue the experiments with English bred birds, and a further selection of choice Minorcas and Andalusians has just been shipped to the order of the Japanese Government.

## DISTINGUISHED CHINESE VISITORS.

PRINCE HSIUN AND ADMIRAL SAN RETURN TO HONGKONG.

His Royal Highness Prince Hsiun and His Excellency Admiral Sah, having made their visit to Whampoa, where they inspected the forts and afterwards visited Canton, returned to Hongkong yesterday on board the cruiser Hsai-chi, which was accompanied by the Hsai-shin and other warships flying the Chinese flag.

It was expected that the distinguished visitors would make an official landing at 12.30, but they did not come ashore until 1.30, when a royal salute was fired from the land battery. At Blake Pier they were received by a guard of honour furnished by the Buffs. The band was also in attendance and played appropriate music as the Prince and the Admiral stepped ashore. They entered chairs and were escorted to Government House, where they were received by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard. Luncheon was given there in honour of the distinguished visitors, those invited including: His Excellency Kuo Erh-Chien, Captain Wu, Kwong Tung, Commodore Lyon, Lieut. Blanchflower, His Excellency Colonel Darling, Captain Stewart, Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones, Mr. A. H. Harris, Hon. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Hon. Mr. McEwen, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Captain Badley, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei Yuk, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Mr. Mr. Justice Gomperts, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Murray Stewart, Mr. D. R. Law, Mr. J. E. M. Smith, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Ng Li Hing and Tsai Wan.

After luncheon His Excellency proposed the toast "The King," which was loyally received.

His Excellency afterwards proposed the toast of "His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China," and in doing so said: "We have to-day the pleasure and privilege of welcoming His Highness, who, as President of the Board of Admiralty, in which large office he succeeds his illustrious father, Prince Chun, is visiting the seaboard of China and is about to proceed to Europe to study naval matters. In the past, as in the present, our nation has ever been ready to assist China in training her naval officers, and we have with us to-day, in the person of Admiral Sah, a very distinguished naval officer who began his naval education in Great Britain. I am glad that the first foreign community to welcome His Royal Highness in his tour is a British Colony, and we can all assure him of a most cordial welcome and of assistance in his projects when he visits England. I propose to you the health of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, and I ask you to couple with it the name of His Royal Highness and to wish him success on a pleasant voyage."

His Imperial Highness in his reply said that as Great Britain had the best navy, they wished to study naval matters.

He reciprocated the sentiments expressed. Tsai Wan interpreted the speeches.

The Prince and Admiral returned on board shortly afterwards, and a salute was fired at five o'clock as they were leaving the harbour.

## DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF NUEVA CACERES, P. I.

According to the Manila newspaper *Libertad* the Apostolic Delegate Mons. Agius received on the 6th inst. the following telegram from Rome, dated 5th September: "With great regret I give you notice of the death of Mons. Jorge Barlin, Bishop of Nueva Caceres. He died yesterday fortified with the Holy Sacraments and with a special blessing from His Holiness. The Holy Father, very regretfully takes his share in the mourning of the Diocese of Na. Caceres, Episcopacy, Priests and faithful people of the Philippine Islands."—CAB.

MONSIEUR DEL VAL.

Mons. Barlin was born in Bae, a village of Camarines Sur, on 23rd April, 1850. Weak in health from youth, which rendered impossible his permanence in the Seminary, he was taken by the then Bishop of Nueva Caceres as his familiar and under his regis completed the studies of philosophy and theology. On 19th September, 1874, he was ordained Priest, and became page to the Bishop, who afterwards appointed him Chaplain to the Throne and Steward of the Cathedral. In 1883, when the Spanish troops retired, so great was the confidence which all the Spaniards had in Padre Barlin that the Governor, Senor Villanil, handed over to him the command of the whole province.

Pope Leo XIII. appointed him Honorary Lord of the Red Chamber in 1902, and Mons. Campo, having resigned, Mons. Barlin was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Na. Caceres on 22nd July, 1903.

The same year Pius X. appointed him Apostolic Preternatural *ad instar participationis*, and on 14th December, 1905, he was solemnly proclaimed Bishop of the said Diocese, his consecration to the high office taking place on the 29th June, 1906, in the large and beautiful Church of Sto. Domingo of Manila, in the presence of a huge gathering.

Feeling himself become weaker, Bishop Barlin decided at once to make his visit *ad limina*, and with this purpose arrived at Hongkong on 24th April last, when he was the guest of the Spanish Dominican Fathers at "Glenashlyn." On 1st May he left for Europe by the F. & O. S. *Asaga*, arriving at Brindisi on the 27th, and twelve hours later at Rome.

He received the "almost daily visit of the Holy Father's physician, who ordered him absolute rest for some time. The news concerning the health of Mons. Barlin was received with great regret in the Philippine Islands, and specially by the inhabitants of Nueva Caceres.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

His EXCELLENCY COLONEL C. H. DARLING (General Officer Commanding).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. C. M. L. MESSER (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BAILEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWETT.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

Mr. C. CLEMENS (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 14) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LIQUOR LICENCES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY withdrew the resolution standing in his name under section 6 of the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance 1908.

LIQUOR ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the collection of a Revenue of Excise upon Intoxicating Liquors.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill provides that there shall be paid upon intoxicating liquors hereafter imported into, distilled, made or prepared in the Colony the following duties:—

On all spirituous liquors, ... \$3.20 per gallon

On all sparkling wines, ... \$2.00 per gallon

On all still wines, ... \$1.33 per gallon

On all other intoxicating liquors, ... \$0.32 per gallon

On all native wines and spirits, \$0.15 per gallon

It shall be lawful for the Legislative Council at any time by resolution to alter or amend all or any of the foregoing duties.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The Bill before the Council which we propose to read a first time to-day overlaps, and to some extent supercedes, two other items which stand on the agenda. In the first case the resolution introduced on the 13th August last, and secondly, the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902. Before this resolution was introduced into the Council last August the two comparative systems of raising revenue on intoxicating liquors, namely, by increasing licences and import duties, received my most careful and earnest consideration.

When I spoke to that resolution I used the following words: "Beyond doubt it seems to me the simplest and fairest method, and the most advantageous to the revenue would be the imposition, so far as European liquors are concerned, of import duties." I further said, "It falls equally on all sections of the community, upon private importers and upon service canteens, as well as upon the trade." The difficulties surrounding the effective collection of such duties appeared to me to be so many and so serious that we considered that the increase in licence fees was on the whole preferable. I was aware and fully alive to the fact that they would tend to create a monopoly in the hands of a few capitalists, who might put up prices of liquor with no limit except the limit of their desire for profit, and without any benefit to the revenue. I was aware that it might create a hardship on some of the smaller dealers. I foresaw that it would be necessary also, if licences were put up, to tax clubs either on their turnover or by licence, and I saw it would inevitably tend to increase private imports by non-licences. In spite of these difficulties the resolution was introduced to the Council, for after mature consideration the difficulties surrounding the imposition of import duties seemed to be even greater, especially as regards Chinese liquor. In a greater or less degree import duties means a Customs service as far as the collection of duties is concerned, a service to prevent evasion of duties and a system of bonded warehouses. The proximity of Hongkong to the mainland, and to the free port of Macao, seemed also to increase the liability of smuggling, and that fear of smuggling is also enhanced by the known venality and inefficiency of the Chinese detective service when under the supervision of Europeans. Liquor once smuggled into the Colony cannot be detected like the opium of the opium farmer, and therefore once it is in, there is little further risk to the smuggler. Then there is the difficulty of dealing with liquor imported for re-export after blending and bottling, which must either involve an elaborate system of rebates or of bonded warehouses in which such operations must be carried on. I am informed also that goods are largely imported into this Colony to order; that is to say, that the name of the consignee does not appear on the case. If liquor were thus imported in disguised packages and were discovered, it is possible—probably—that there would be no claimant for it, as we have often found in the case of smuggled morphine and fireworks, for it is



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A Scene in Pokenia, Burma, where Maung Mya lives.

no medicines, but still despite his skillful attention and treatment the pains continued. "One day, however, I read in a book about the cure Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had made in cases of Sciatica, so I tried one bottle of these Pills. Finding after I had taken these that I was better I procured more, and went on with their use until the pains had entirely ceased and I was once again well and strong. Since then I have continued in the best of health, in fact have never felt better in my life."

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## LOCAL SPORT.

### BUFFS AQUATIC SPORTS.

The Regiment of The Buffs held their water sports at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday. Unfortunately, from a spectator's point of view the events were marred by a heavy downpour of rain. Lieutenant Gill was in charge of the arrangements, and every item on the programme was started punctually to time. Mr. Frank Lamont was judge, and in that position gave every satisfaction. The duck hunt, in which Private Stiff, G. Coy, of The Buffs, was the winner, was most amusing.

The polo match was between teams representing the right and left half of the Battalion. The players were as follows:—

Right half team—Cpl. Burke, Privates Jarvis, Southey, Stroud, Lieut. Cpl. Vincer, Privates Tiff and Gibbons.

Left half team—Privates Kennings, Page, Smith, Williams, Davies, MacMahon and Barrard.

The game was hotly contested from start to finish, but the Left team were no match for their opponents. A few minutes from the start Burke scored for the Right. Vincer, getting on the ball on the teams resuming play, tried a long shot and missed, but in a short time added two more goals. The result at half-time was: Right half team, 3 goals; Left half team, nil.

On resuming play the Left team took the game in hand and scored early. The Right team followed suit a few minutes later from a penalty given by Kennings. The Right gave the Left no rest, and soon added two more goals to their credit. The Left team had one more valiant try for goal, just as the referee's whistle sounded time.

Final: Right half team, 6 goals; Left half team, 1 goal.

Quartermaster Smith, Sergeant Major Barlow and Mr. Anderson were the judges in the sports.

The results of the competitions were as follows:—

THREE LENGTHS SWIMMING CONTEST—1st, Cpl. Burke, C. Coy; 2nd, Lieut. Cpl. Field, F. Coy; 3rd, Lieut. Cpl. Douglas, C. Coy. Time, 1 min. 21 sec.

TWO LENGTHS—Open to men who have learned to swim this season. 1st, Pte. Sear, C. Coy; 2nd, Pte. Lambkin, F. Coy; 3rd, Pte. Bougher, A. Coy. Time, 1 min. 6 sec.

DIVING COMPETITION—1st, Pte. Green, C. Coy; 2nd, Pte. Williams, C. Coy; 3rd, Pte. Smith, G. Coy; 4th, Lieut. Cpl. Davies, H. Coy.

RELAY RACE—Open to teams of 4 men per company, each man swimming two lengths. 1st, C. Coy; 2nd, A. Coy; 3rd, F. Coy.

TWO LENGTHS—Open to Boys of the Battalion. 1st, Smith; 2nd, Redman; 3rd, Stevens.

THREE LENGTHS HANDICAP—Open to members of the Victoria Recreation Club. 1st, A. H. Carroll; 2nd, A. H. Claxton; 3rd, P. Remedios.

At the finish of the contests Mrs. Colonel Bayard presented the prizes to the winning competitors. Mr. A. H. Carroll, of the V.R.C.,

won the Cup presented by the Buffs, the cup being much admired by the spectators.

## FOOTBALL.

There should be many changes in the football world of Hongkong this coming season. One or more new clubs may appear, and one or two old ones may disappear. However, one thing is certain that the flip which the sport received last year by the formation of the league is likely to continue, and with the game put on a proper basis by an Association competent to supervise the pastime, control clubs, secure referees and so on, football should make even greater progress than it has done.

The Hongkong Football Association met last night and made its arrangements for the coming season. Then it was demonstrated how good were the prospects for 1909-10.

It revives old memories to see a football club once more playing in Kowloon. About ten years ago the club of that ilk was cock of the walk, and though the new organisation can draw upon good material, including one if not more of the old players, it will have to fight hard to surpass the fine combinations which represent the Buffs and the Navy at present. It is interesting to note that the new President, Mr. J. Wilkie, was for about twelve years one of the most consistent players which the then Kowloon Club possessed. The ground difficulty has been overcome, an arrangement having been made whereby the new club gets the use of the Yauwatt school ground on certain days. Their application will be remembered when land is being allocated by and for sporting or recreation purposes.

A feature of the coming season is the probability of a second league being run, with a qualifying test for one or more teams to enter the first league. This seems a wise arrangement and should encourage these younger clubs who are hardly heavy enough for the senior combinations.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Association was held at the Y.M.C.A. last evening. Mr. Frank Browne, of the Hongkong Football Club, was elected president, and Mr. A. N. Storr, of the Kowloon Football Club, was elected secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to allow any ship entering port ten days in which to notify the secretary that they were desirous of joining the association.

It was also agreed to give the members of all local clubs permission to play against the Camerons on their approaching visit to Hongkong.

Sapper F. Heigh, of the Royal Engineers F.C. proposed that, "In the case of Naval or Military teams, we, as an Association, try to arrange that an Annual Contribution from some Common Naval Body or Association, and Common Military Body of Club, be paid in lieu of subscriptions, as laid down in a rule, such annual contribution to include all Naval and Military Teams who from time to time may be stationed in, or are visitors to, the South China Station."

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn, and it was decided to allow the matter to stand over until the next annual meeting to see how the present rule applied.

## CRICKET.

This winter pastime is not yet in full swing, but many clubs are practising hard. Nets are up and are being used highly with good effect.

The league meeting will take place on Monday, when arrangements will be made for commencing the serious work of the season. As in the case of football, the formation of a junior league is being suggested, and probably the subject will be discussed at the meeting. Quite a number of clubs are likely to join such a league, as, for instance, Civil Service "A" team, C.C.C. "A" team, Luncheon, Parsee, Moslem, Naval Yard, Taikeo, Chinese Y.M.C.A., and possibly several school teams. The difficulty of securing grounds on which teams could play is a problem which has to be faced, but difficulties are only made to be overcome, and some arrangement is possible whereby these junior teams should have their cricket enthusiasm fostered.

## LAWN BOWLS.

The newly-established championship competition has attracted a very good entry, as many as 74 names having been received. Of these 25 were furnished by Kowloon Bowling Club, 14 from Taikeo, and 15 each from the Police and the Civil Service Clubs, 5 from Cosmopolitan Dock and three from unattached players. The draw in the first round resulted as follows:—

M. McIvor v. P. R. Adams  
J. Ogg v. A. Crane  
H. Dinman v. D. Harvey  
A. Ritchie v. W. S. Diggins  
W. Fincher v. T. Ramsay  
R. Lapsley v. A. E. Robinson  
G. K. Haxton v. D. Gow  
P. Farrell v. G. R. Edwards  
G. Anderson v. W. Cooper  
A. Anderson v. E. W. Dawson

The first-named players are the challengers, and players have to arrange between themselves dates of play on neutral greens. The first round has to be completed by the 27th inst.

The meeting of delegates have agreed to third and fourth prizes being given.

## AQUATICS.

### C.Y.C. WATER CARNIVAL.

The Corinthian Yacht Club have arranged a very attractive programme for their water carnival to-morrow afternoon. A particularly large entry is found in most of the events and the competitions should be unusually keen. The hundred yards championship of the Colony has

brought out seven entrants, two being from the Vasco da Gama, and one from the Cadmus.

The oldest sporting organisation in the Colony has a "three days" sporting meeting, beginning on the 23rd inst., a feature of which will be the presence of a team from Shanghai to compete in swimming, diving and water polo against Hongkong.

## LAWN TENNIS.

The Y.M.C.A. has another series of competitions under way. They include gentlemen's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club has made little progress with the competitions started several months ago.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The J.-C.-J. Lin str. Tjikini left Batavia for this port on the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

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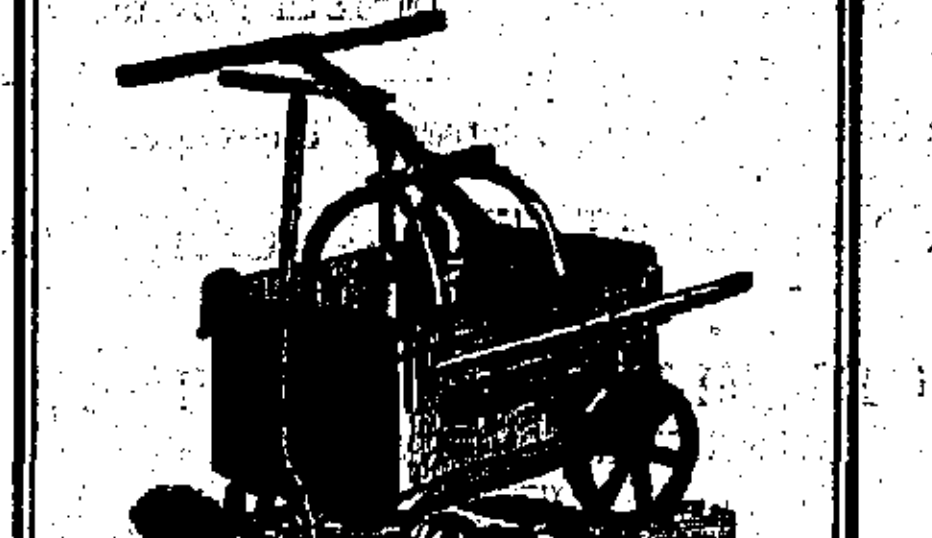
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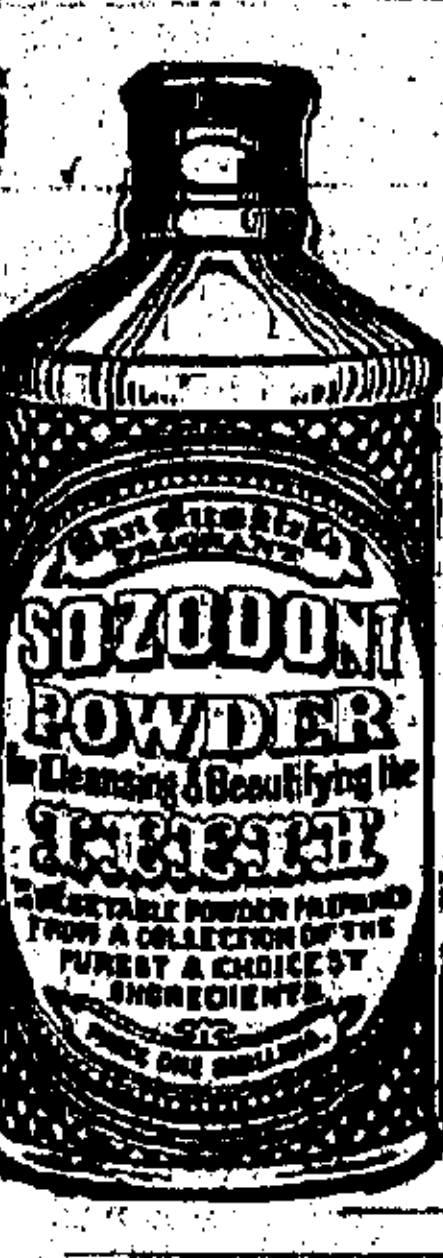
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